

TIMING LIMITATION STIPULATION

No surface use is allowed within big game winter/spring range for wildlife during the following time period:

December 1 through May 15

This stipulation does not apply to the operation and maintenance of production facilities.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To protect mule deer, elk, antelope and moose winter range from disturbance during the winter/spring season, and to facilitate long-term maintenance of wildlife populations.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception to this stipulation may be granted by the authorized officer, in consultation with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), if the operator submits a plan that demonstrates the impacts from the proposed action are minimal or can be adequately mitigated.

Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer, in consultation with the FWP, determines that portions of the area no longer contain wildlife winter/spring range. The dates for the timing restriction may be modified if new wildlife use information indicates that the December 1 through May 15 dates are not valid for the leasehold.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived if the authorized officer, in consultation with the FWP, determines that the entire leasehold no longer contains winter/spring range for wildlife.